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Letter dated 4 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 30 April 1998, I have the honour to draw your attention to further violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and of the flight information region of Nicosia by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force.

On 30 April 1998, between 1418 and 1635 hours, four formations, consisting of two F-16, two F-4, two RF-4 and an additional two RF-4 aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, entered the flight information region of Nicosia from a northerly direction, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, and flew over the areas of Morphou, Kyrenia and the Cape of Apostle Andreas.

These new violations, which occurred on the eve of renewed efforts to achieve a solution to the Cyprus problem, constitute provocative actions which expose once more the blackmailing attitude of Turkey and are a testament to that country's systematic disregard of the norms of international law.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to strongly protest these new violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, which are in complete disregard of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant decisions of the Organization on the question of Cyprus, as well as the regulations of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

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